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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and continued examination of this application are respectfully requested.

In the Amendment, the withdrawn claims have been canceled. New claims 30-32 recite the embodiments of allowed claim 18. Therefore, the remaining pending claims, namely claims 14, 16, 18-27, and 30-32 are now pending. The Examiner has indicated that claims 14, 16, and 18-27 are allowed. Accordingly, by entry of this Amendment, the only claims remaining are the allowed claims and new claims 30-32.

Since the only issue remaining, as set forth in the Office Action, is the cancellation of the withdrawn claims, all matters have now been fully responded to.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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